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SUBJECT: CZECHOSLOVAK FOREIGN MINISTER'S ASIAN JUNKET

1. FOREIGN MINISTER CHNOUPEK'S 3-WEEK JAUNT TO VIET-NAM, LAOS, BURMA AND PAKISTAN (PLUS A BRIEF STOP IN ATHENS) AFTER TOUCHING BASE WITH SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO IN MOSCOW APPEARS TO US TO HAVE SERVED SEVERAL PURPOSES:

- A) PERPETUATING CHNOUPEK'S ACTIVIST FOREIGN POLICY DESIGNED TO PROVE CZECHOSLOVAKIA'S RESPECTABILITY;
- B) CARRYING THIS ACTIVISM TO THE EAST--A PART OF THE WORLD THAT IS MORE HOSPITABLE TO A CZECHOSLOVAKIA WITH A BAD HUMAN RIGHTS IMAGE THAN EITHER NORTH AMERICA OR EUROPE, EAST OR WEST ARE;
- C) CARRYING ON THE MINUET OF "SOCIALIST SOLIDARITY" BETWEEN

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EUROPEAN AND ASIAN COMMUNISTS;
D) ACTING AS A SOVIET SURROGATE IN CARRYING THE STRAIGHT MOSCOW MESSAGE TO THE THIRD WORLD; AND
E) POSSIBLY DOING A LITTLE BIT OF ARMS SELLING AND OTHER TRADE PROMOTION.

2. WHILE IN THE POST-HELSINKI PERIOD EUROPE HAS BEEN THE MAIN FOCUS

FOR GOC DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY, THE THIRD WORLD HAS ALSO RECEIVED A GREAT DEAL OF ATTENTION. IN ADDITION OF A CZECHOSLOVAK DESIRE TO HAVE RELATIONS WITH AS MANY COUNTRIES AS POSSIBLE FOR IMAGE PURPOSES, CZECHOSLOVAKIA CAN UNDOUBTEDLY BE USEFUL TO THE KREMLIN IN THE THIRD WORLD. AS A SMALL COUNTRY WITH A REASONABLY ATTRACTIVE RANGE OF INDUSTRIAL GOODS AND ARMS TO SELL, CZECHOSLOVAKIA PRESUMABLY COMES UNDER LESS SUSPICION THAN THE USSR IN DEALINGS WITH DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, YET THERE IS NO MORE FAITHFUL OR ARTICULATE PROPONENT OF THE STRAIGHT MOSCOW LINE.

3. THAT CHNOUPEK'S ASIAN SWING WAS NOT PURELY FOR IMAGE BUILDING IS SUGGESTED BY THE WAY OTHER CZECHOSLOVAK DELEGATIONS WERE SIMULTANEOUSLY WORKING THE SAME GROUND--A DELEGATION LED BY CZECH MINISTER OF HEALTH PROKOPEC WAS IN VIET NAM AND A TRADE UNION DELEGATION WAS IN SRI LANKA AND BURMA.

4. WHATEVER THE CONCRETE RESULTS OF HIS TRIP, CHNOUPEK MUST HAVE ENJOYED TRAVELING FOR ALMOST THREE WEEKS IN LANDS WHERE NO PRYING REPORTER ASKED ABOUT DISSIDENTS AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

5. ONE SPECIFIC ITEM OF INTEREST FROM THE TRIP. WE NOTED NO RPT NO REFERENCE TO MOSCOW'S FORMER PET PROJECT OF AN ASIAN SECURITY CONFERENCE.
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